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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A disposable body fluid absorbent pad having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said pad further comprising:

a front region;

a rear region;

an intermediate region between said front region and said rear region;

a liquid-pervious topsheet;

a liquid-impervious backsheet;

a liquid-absorbent core between said liquid-pervious topsheet and said liquid-impervious backsheet;

said pad being contoured by longitudinally opposite end portions extending in said transverse direction outside longitudinal front and rear ends of said liquid-absorbent core and transversely opposite side edge portions extending in said longitudinal direction outside transversely opposite side edges of said liquid-absorbent core; and

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an insertion space means comprising a cover sheet which defines an insertion space between said cover sheet and a part of an outer surface of said liquid-impervious backsheet and at least one non-sealable opening to guide a wearer's hand into said insertion space, with at least a part of a periphery of said cover sheet joined onto an outer surface of said liquid-impervious ~~backsheet~~ backsheet.

wherein said cover sheet is provided with one of:

- i) a different color from the topsheet and the backsheet; and
- ii) an indicator element.

Claim 2 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet is superposed over said front, intermediate and rear regions, at least over said intermediate region.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet extends at least over said intermediate region and said rear region and has a fixed end portion extending in said transverse direction along said longitudinally rear end portion of said pad, said insertion space defines a non-sealable pocket opening from said side of said front region toward a side of said rear region.

Claim 4 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein elastically stretchable members are attached to said front and rear regions and said intermediate region, at least to said intermediate

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region so as to extend in said longitudinal direction along said opposite side edge portions of said pad and to be contractible in said longitudinal direction.

Claims 5-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Original): The pad according to claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a predetermined indicator element thereon.